

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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TREASURY APPROPRIATIONS/Final Passage

SUBJECT: Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1998 . . . S. 1023.
Final passage, as amended.

ACTION: BILL PASSED, 99-0

SYNOPSIS: As passed, S. 1023, the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1998, will provide \$25.207 billion in new budget authority (BA) for the Department of the Treasury, Postal Service, Executive Office of the President, and various independent agencies. This amount is \$1.105 billion more than provided in fiscal year (FY) 1997, and is \$455.9 million less than requested. Details are provided below.

Appropriations will include the following:

- Office of Personnel Management, \$12.79 billion;
- Internal Revenue Service, \$7.694 billion;
- Customs Service, \$1.6 billion;
- Secret Service, \$570.8 million;
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, \$472.5 million;
- Executive Office of the President, \$485.2 million, including \$36 million for the Office of National Drug Control Policy and \$175 million for the Special Forfeiture Fund administered by that office; \$110 million of that amount will be for a new media campaign to reduce and prevent drug use among young Americans;
- General Services Administration, \$140.6 million; and
- \$131 million for the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund.

Key provisions include the following:

- a 1-year moratorium will be placed on new General Services Administration construction projects;

(See other side)

YEAS (99)				NAYS (0)		NOT VOTING (1)	
Republican (55 or 100%)		Democrats (44 or 100%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (1)
Abraham	Hutchinson	Akaka	Inouye				Rockefeller- ²
Allard	Hutchison	Baucus	Johnson				
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Biden	Kennedy				
Bennett	Jeffords	Bingaman	Kerrey				
Bond	Kempthorne	Boxer	Kerry				
Brownback	Kyl	Breaux	Kohl				
Burns	Lott	Bryan	Landrieu				
Campbell	Lugar	Bumpers	Lautenberg				
Chafee	Mack	Byrd	Leahy				
Coats	McCain	Cleland	Levin				
Cochran	McConnell	Conrad	Lieberman				
Collins	Murkowski	Daschle	Mikulski				
Coverdell	Nickles	Dodd	Moseley-Braun				
Craig	Roberts	Dorgan	Moynihan				
D'Amato	Roth	Durbin	Murray				
DeWine	Santorum	Feingold	Reed				
Domenici	Sessions	Feinstein	Reid				
Enzi	Shelby	Ford	Robb				
Faircloth	Smith, Bob	Glenn	Sarbanes				
Frist	Smith, Gordon	Graham	Torricelli				
Gorton	Snowe	Harkin	Wellstone				
Gramm	Specter	Hollings	Wyden				
Grams	Stevens						
Grassley	Thomas						
Gregg	Thompson						
Hagel	Thurmond						
Hatch	Warner						
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EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

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- Members will not receive a cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) pay increase in fiscal year 1998;
- funds from this Act will not be used to pay for abortions, or the administrative expenses in connection with any health plan under the Federal Employee Health Benefit (FEHB) program which provides any benefits or coverage for abortions, unless: the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term; or the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest (see vote No. 190);
- postal patrons will have the option of purchasing a first-class stamp costing 1 cent more than a regular stamp, with the additional cent raised to be used for breast cancer research (see vote No. 186);
- Federal agencies will not be allowed to provide goods or services that are commercially available to other Federal agencies unless they can demonstrate that they are able to provide those goods and services more efficiently and effectively than the private sector;
- Federal judges' salaries will no longer be linked to congressional and Executive Schedule salaries; instead, they will be adjusted automatically on an annual basis;
- the Treasury Department Inspector General will be prohibited from spending public funds on consulting contracts (she has awarded questionable contracts in the past);
- Federal agencies will be required to remove computer games installed on their computers; and
- Members' financial disclosure forms will provide for the voluntary disclosure of Members' participation in Federal retirement plans.

Those favoring final passage contended:

About half of the funding in this bill is mandatory spending for Federal employees' life, health, and retirement benefits. Much of the remainder is to fund law enforcement programs. Fully 40 percent of Federal law enforcement funding is provided through this bill. Despite severe budget restraints, we are pleased that this bill contains substantive increases for the law enforcement functions it covers. One feature of this bill that needs to be explained is that it will deny an Administration request for \$500 million for an IRS computer modernization proposal. Many Members are concerned that the IRS just spent \$4 billion over several years on a computer modernization proposal that turned out to be a complete failure. It would be inadvisable to give the IRS more money until we know why it failed the first time, or else it may end up failing again. Instead of providing that \$500 million, this bill will provide \$350 million for a more critical IRS problem--the conversion of its computers to handle the year 2000 date-change problem. This bill will also scale back the Administration's proposal for funding for a new anti-drug media campaign. Full funding will not be provided because Members want a pilot program to be tried to test the idea before a nationwide campaign is started. This bill was put together in a bipartisan fashion, and from the beginning there was little disagreement over funding priorities. We are certain it will meet with overwhelming approval by the full Senate.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to final passage.